

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
 - displaying a first page having a first form and a hidden form;
 - receiving user-provided data into the first form of the first page;
 - displaying a second form of a second page when the second form is requested via the first page;
 - receiving user-provided data into the second form of the second page;
 - copying the data from the second form of the second page to the hidden form of the first page without posting the data from the second form to a server; and
 - posting the data from the first form and the hidden form to the server when the first page is submitted.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - subsequent to the posting, copying the data from the hidden form to the first form from when the first page is submitting submitted.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 - copying the data to the hidden form is triggered by submitting the second page.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein:
 - the first and hidden forms are associated with a main window; and

the second form is associated with a secondary window requested by an operation associated with the main window.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

~~all the copying and the posting~~ is performed by a browser.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the first and second pages are web pages.

9. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

requesting, from a server, a first web page having a first form and a hidden second form;

requesting, from the server, a second web page having a third form;

submitting the second web page by copying user-provided data from the third form to the hidden second form and not posting data from the third form to the server;

copying data from the hidden second form to the first form; and

submitting the first web page by posting data from the first form to the server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:

copying data from the second form is triggered by submitting the second web page.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:

copying data from the second form is triggered by submitting the first web page.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:

requesting a first web page includes creating a main window.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:
requesting a second web page includes creating a secondary window.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein:
requesting a second web page includes updating the third form with previously saved data from the second form.

15. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium that stores instructions on physical storage device, which instructions when executed by at least one machine, cause the at least one machine to perform operations comprising:
displaying a first page having a first form and a hidden form;
receiving user-provided data into the first form of the first page;
displaying a second form of a second page when the second form is requested via the first page;
receiving user-provided data into the second form of the second page;
copying the data from the second form of the second page to the hidden form of the first page without posting the data from the second form to a server; and
posting the data from the first form and the hidden form to the server when the first page is submitted.

16. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 15, further comprising:
subsequent to the posting, copying the data from the hidden form to the first form from when the first page is submitting-submitted.

17. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 15, wherein:

copying the data to the hidden form is triggered by submitting the second page.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a client computer having a web browser;

a server computer coupled to the client computer through a network to provide to the client computer:

a first web page having a displayable first form and a hidden second form; and

a second web page having a displayable third form; and

a set of instructions to cause the client computer to copy data entered by a user in the displayable third form to at least one of the first and hidden second forms, without posting the data to the server when the second web page is submitted and to cause the client computer to post the copied data to the server computer when the first web page is submitted.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein:

the set of instructions includes instructions to cause the client computer to copy data entered in the displayable third form to the hidden second form when the second web page is submitted and to copy data in the hidden second form to the first form when the first web page is submitted.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein:

the set of instructions includes instructions to cause the client computer to copy data entered in the displayable third form to both the first and hidden second forms when the second web page is submitted.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:
a server computer coupled to a client computer through a network to:
respond to a first request by the client computer by providing a first script and a main page having a main form and a hidden form, the first script to copy a content of the hidden form into the main form before submitting the main form to the server; and
respond to a second request by the client computer by providing a second script and a secondary page having a secondary form, the second script to copy user-provided content of the secondary form into the hidden form and not post the content of the secondary form to the server when the secondary page is submitted.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:
the network is the Internet.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:
the first request is for a main web page and the second request is for a secondary web page.

25. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 15, wherein:
data is copied substantially directly from the first form to the second form and from the second form to the hidden form.

26. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 15, wherein:
the first form comprises fields for a first information set that supplements a second information set collected from a user in a form of the second page.

27. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 26,

wherein:

the first information set comprises information that a user may optionally provide
and the second information set comprises information that a user must provide.